

THE AMERICAN SYNCOPATED ORCHESTRA IS HONORED WITH A MAGNIFICENT BANQUET GIVEN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE LOVER OF MUSIC CLUB OF THE CITY OF DALLAS ON LAST FRIDAY EVENING AT THE S. M. T. HALL.

The Bery of Ladies was an Inspiration and a Delight to all.

By N. W. Harilee.

It was on Friday evening of last week when the hall of pleasure and complete enjoyment was had in honor of the American Syncopated Orchestra. The spacious hall was filled with a bevy of the most fashionable and pretty women it has ever been our pleasure to see, and for once the writer imagined himself a youngster once more as these ladies made the hall ring with their modesty and beauty and the pleasure of by gone days stole upon him as he sat in a corner and peeped out at them like the country mouse that came to town.

The Lover's Musical Club of which congenial I. M. Horton is the President entertained the Syncopated Orchestra, which has been engaged at the State Fair to render daily programs. This orchestra has an international standing of which Mr. G. E. Dulf is the leader and president. His corps consists of thirty members, young men of education, some of whom are graduates of Harvard and Yale colleges, and each is an expert in his line of the musical art that tells the story of proficiency whenever they sing or perform on an instrument. During the evening several pieces were rendered by the members of this renowned and artistic orchestra of which the American people who have heard them pride them as true artists that they are. The German called this orchestra, "The Black Devil Band," as it would continue to play for the advancing Negro soldiers in No Man's Land under bursting shell and fuming gases and even in the flames of liquid fires; leading the 379th 8th Illinois, conducted by Mr. Dulf the magnetic and accomplished musician that he is. Those who have not heard them would do well to go out to the greatest state fair on earth and hear this great aggregation of Negro talent.

But we must speak of the banquet, the mirth of real joy, the bevy of ladies, attired in the latest fads and beautiful gowns of the seasons that gave life and real animation to the occasion. It was a pleasure to see them, to hear them, to be in their company, and to call to mind what the old Romans really meant when they called their daughters the "Primitive Graces of the Golden Age," it was all revealed on this joyful evening when covers were laid for 75 fair ladies and seventy-five brave men who did valiant service at the banquetting table laden with the delicacies of the season. There was no need of toasts on this occasion, but they were on the program with the menu and of course they were carried out perfunctory and in place. Mr. Billy George was the caterer and prepared the menu.

After the banquet was finished, the deck cleared for action, we understood that there was to be a battle of the fantastic toes, we slipped out as the sweet strains of music kept us looking back like Lot's wife, and how thankful we were that we did not materialize into the salt of the past age, for we peeped and peeped and saw that it was a real battle in which the fighting kept time to the latest music known to the waltz kind and its effect on the emotion of those who delighted to swing and sway with measured steps and elastic rendition peculiar to the art of modern dancing. We even stopped at the door and stopped peeping and looked squarely at the business and saw that each one was an artist as a score and half would mingle and meet a score or more without confusion with the same motion and away, and finally we left and know nothing about the victorious ones in this battle of the Fantastic Toe.

Much credit is due Pres. Horton, and to the following persons of the splendid banquet: Mesdames Overton, Isand Pittman, L. C. Morgan, Mrs. Frank Hawkins, and Misses Virginia Stewart and Birdie Jordan. Dr. Frank Hawkins was the accomplished toast-master.

It has been a long time since the writer has seen such a splendid affair in all his travels, not even in the city of Washington, nor yet while in New York City being at banquets in these and other cities and even in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, he has seen nothing to excel the one that was staged in honor of the Syncopated Orchestra, which the entire Negro race should rise up and do reverence.

The official of the state fair did a splendid thing to engage these artists to give entertainment to the lovers of real music who visit the fair. Another lesson is learned that the Negro needs no longer to stand back, but push forward and to do that and to have that which the world wants and he will find a market for his wares, for his talents, for after genius will speak out and her voice will be heard and heeded.

N. CAROLINA ATTEMPS TO BANISH THE AGITATOR

(By Associated Negro Press)

Releigh, N. C., Oct. 16.—Thirty-eight Negro leaders of North Carolina have issued a statement declaring the Negroes "are making more money and reaching a stage of prosperity never before enjoyed." And that never have they been so independent, nor had better opportunities for contented living.

At a conference a week ago the thirty-eight Negro leaders and two white men were present, as well as some of the most radical leaders, many of whom have made protest against North Carolina conditions existing prior to Gov. Bickett's Administration. Their report, published today, says:

"A large majority of the Negroes have no troubles, and if the agitators will only let them alone they can secure a fair opportunity to work out their own destinies." The labor agitators who entice the Negro to the North by recounting the iniquities of the South is reprobated as one of the disturbing forces in the Negro's happiness.

"There never was a time when the State was so ready to give adequate educational advantages to the Negroes," the report says. "There never was a time when the Negro had more cause to hope. One town is planning to spend \$1000,000 for the Negroes alone; another is voting a special bond issue in rural districts where many buildings costing from \$1,000 to \$10,000 are going up. Well trained supervisors are being employed to give better supervision to rural schools.

"With such prospects for improving our educational conditions, incendiary, false charges and the continual harping on injustice of the white to the Negro are doing great harm, and if the agitator really wishes to help the Negroes should throw the emphasis upon what the white man is really doing for the Negro and make a long story that would change the whole thought about racial relationship."

The conference thinks that while the Negro does not get full justice in the courts, it is a condition attributable not to race but to conditions, the absence of friends and power. The new Juvenile Court Law will give the delinquent Negro salvation from chain gangs and State prisons, and the signers call on all Negroes to resent the agitators who seek to inflame them on account of the courts.

It especially repudiates all those who counsel force in the repulsion of wrong endured, and it declares there are many yet. "Those who insist that force will in any way be beneficial are the most dangerous enemies to all," the statement declares. It calls on ministers and teachers to work out a constructive and hopeful programme, urges Negro editors to devote more space to what the Negro is doing, and asks the white press to put less emphasis on crimes of the race.

The report condones all advocacy of social equality or intermarriages between the races, saying: "Any individual or society in or out of the State that advocates the intermingling of the races on terms of social equality and intermarriage of races is doing a great harm to the Negro, for wherever this doctrine finds lodgement, it stirs race prejudice in the South and threatens the well-being of both races."

Tribune Defends Its Policy.

(By Associated Negro Press)

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 16.—During the recent rioting in Omaha, Neb., the Associated Negro Press sent a letter of protest to the Chicago Tribune, one of the leading dailies of the country, concerning headlines used in one of their editions with reference to the riot. Because of its great influence the policy of the Tribune, is watched very closely by hundreds of newspapers throughout the country.

In a personal reply, Col. R. R. McCormick, one of the editors of the Tribune, endeavors to leave the impression that this newspaper is fair in its dealings with Colored people. He says:

"Tribune representatives have been physically run out of southern towns because of the Tribune's attitude against lynching. The Tribune was the first, if not the only, public organ to take up the question of better conditions for Colored man in Chicago and to advocate the necessity of providing them with places to live if we were going to bring them here to work.

"Mob law, whether exercised against Colored or white men, has always followed a failure of the constituted authorities to perform their obligation. The Tribune will continue to be, as it has for many years, the leading journalistic opponent of lynch law. We feel however, that before this end can be effectively brought about, we must produce in the country and in the city a condition where criminals are rapidly apprehended and meted out stern justice. I think all editors should devote considerable energy to the agitation of this essential condition."

Nevertheless, it seems that the point of view of the Tribune and that of the Colored people regarding

what is "fair and just" do not harmonize, because in their issue of recent date, there appeared an editorial on race riots. It was nothing more or less than a veiled threat that if the Colored people did not stay in "their place," the white people will put them in "their place" and keep them there.

The big question seems to be "Where is 'the place' of the Colored people in America?"

MADDEN BILL FAILS TO PASS

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—Efforts of Representative Madden of Illinois, and a group of Chicago Negroes to induce the interstate committee abolishing the "Jim Crow" laws of the Southern states will prove barren of result. Not only have numerous members of the committee expressed themselves as opposed to attempting any such legislation, but Chairman Esch, in a statement has unqualifiedly declared himself as against any such radical procedure. Chairman Esch said the right of Congress to eliminate the "Jim Crow" laws of the states is certainly debatable, and added that, even granting Congress to possess this right in its control of inter-state commerce under the constitution, such a law would only serve to raise a great controversy in the states affected.

Chairman Esch says there should be no discrimination in the service accorded to any passengers on payment of like fare, but beyond requiring like service and adequate cars and equipment for Negroes, he does not believe anything will be done by Congress.

Members of the house declare positively there will be no attempt made to eliminate the "Jim Crow" laws in the Southern states, and they deplore the agitation of the question by Madden and his Negro friends at a time when the race question is regarded as acute throughout the country.

S. C. BARS NEGROES IN LEGION

(By Associated Negro Press)

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 16.—There are no Negro members of the American Legion of South Carolina and there will be none for some time, certainly until the meeting of the State Convention to be held in Columbia, according to information obtained from state headquarters. The question of whether, and if so, upon what terms, Negroes could become members of the legion as one which was left optional to the individual state organizations for solution.

Negroes Organize \$100,000 Factory.

(By Associated Negro Press)

Hot Springs, Ark., Oct. 16.—The Overalls Manufacturing and Industrial Association with an authorized capital of \$100,000 has been organized and is meeting with success. The prospectus states that the purpose of it has is the purpose of "operating a manufacturing plant, overall plant, furniture plant and other industries, giving employment to hundreds of men and women; to emphasize industrial features to secure enough loan to develop manufacturing centres among our people, thereby opening the door of hope along industrial lines. The officers are R. T. Collins, president; George S. Washington, secretary.

Hogs Almost Cost Race Trouble

Vienna, Ga., Oct. 16.—Serious trouble was narrowly averted here as a result of a herd of hogs, the property of a white farmer, trespassing on the premises of a Negro who farmed on the land adjoining. The affair occurred in the northwest section of the county. According to the statement of a reliable parties the trouble started when the Negro who is reported to be a law abiding, hard working man, requested the owner of the hogs to keep them out of his fields where they were destroying the corn. It seems that this was not done, and the hogs continued to visit the fields. The Negro forthwith attempted to run them out, using sticks, rocks, etc., as weapons.

Business League For Chicago.

(By Associated Negro Press)

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 16.—The Chicago Business League is the name of a new organization of local business men which proposes to put Chicago in the lead in the way of business progress and organization work. Among the many new features that will be adopted by this new organization are Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Department, Publicity Campaign, Cooperative buying and a paid Executive force.

Smarter Set In Baltimore.

(By Associated Negro Press)

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 16.—"The Children of the Sun," a new musical comedy of the Smarter Set, headed by Salem Tutt Whitney, had its opening here and is receiving much praise from critics.

DENTON.

Denton, Texas, Oct. 18.—Heavy rains prevailed over the entire county last week. Rev. J. A. Jones, P. E., of Dallas District held his fourth quarterly conference with the membership of St. James A. M. E. church of which Rev. W. P. Crockett is pastor. The conference was a success, raising in the effort of \$175.00. Dr. Jones set a precedent. He preached three strong sermons, morning, noon and night. Mrs. Wilson of Oklahoma City is visiting her daughter and other relatives. Mrs. M. J. Johnson was called to the bed side of a sick grand child in Fort Worth, last week. Mr. L. L. Allen went to Dallas last Sunday. Mr. B. W. Crawford was called to Pilot Point on business last Monday. Rev. M. P. Lambert spent last Sunday in Pilot Point and Sanger.

Cards are out announcing the twelfth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Moten which is to be celebrated at their home Saturday night, Oct. 18th.

FORNEY.

Forney, Texas, Oct. 16.—Sunday school was well attended at all churches regardless to the rain and mud. Rev. P. M. Mitchell filled his pulpit Sunday and preached two glorious sermons. Revs. Gusters and Brown of Dallas were at Mt. Rose, Sunday. Mr. Wesley of Terrell was in the city last Thursday. Mrs. Minnie Shaw is spending a few days in Dallas. Mr. Will Ross of Dallas was in the city Sunday visiting. Mr. Will Hurd and Mr. Jessie Williams were accidentally hurt at the Forney Cotton Oil Mill last Wednesday night. Mr. Aaron Momouth of Lawrence, Texas, was in the city last week. Rev. L. W. Macky and wife are still on the sick list. Mrs. Cora Crutcher is also on the sick list. Mrs. A. D. Key, W. C. of Greenville, Texas, was here last Tuesday, but was rained out and did not meet the Courts.

ALTO.

Alto, Texas, Oct. 16.—Rev. Griggs was with his people Sunday. All services were well attended. Mr. Williams of Lufkin gave a slight of hand show here Thursday night. Misses Zoie and Ella Mae Richardson left Friday for East Texas Academy. Mr. Minon Tillman, Mrs. Christina Richardson and Mrs. Linnie Ferguson attended the East Texas Association at Tyler and reported a grand time. Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jordan, a girl.

MINERAL WELLS.

Mineral Wells, Texas, Oct. 16.—Mrs. P. H. Jackson, left Sunday to visit relatives in Tyler. The Express failed to reach Mineral Wells last week. Mr. Brooks and several Mineral Wellites attended the fair last week. Mrs. Willie Wilson has gone to Fort Worth for the winter. The Rucker family visited in Weatherford, Sunday. Mr. Troy Carr is out of town. The program rendered by the pupils of the primary department of the Colored people last Friday was good. Mrs. M. Cass, Mrs. Johns and daughter are in Cleburne.

WEST.

West, Texas, Oct. 16.—Bold Springs Baptist church Sunday was well attended. Rev. Stewart filled the pastor's place. Mrs. Lizzie B. Rivers, Mrs. Mollie Smith made a trip to Waco. Mrs. Nettie Wright left last Thursday for Haskell, Texas. Mrs. Lily Smith left last week for Dallas.

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